

8 April 1985

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 19 MARCH 1985

TIME:

12:30 - 2:15 pm

PLACE:

Canal House, 25 Calhoun Street, Trenton

DATE:

Tuesday, 19 March 1985

ATTENDING:

COMMISSIONERS:

Messrs. Kirkland, Zaikov, Marshall, Jessen

Holland, Torpey and Mrs. Nash

STAFF:

Messrs. Amon, Baill, & Mrs. Greenwald

Mr. George P. Cook, Deputy Attorney General

GUESTS:

Messrs. Barker & Stern, State Park Service Mr. Famularo, N.J. Water Supply Authority Mr. Pitt, Canal Society of New Jersey Mr. Norton, D & R Canal Coalition

Mr. Kirkland opened the meeting and stated that all applicable provisions of the Open Public Meeting Law of 1976 had been properly met.

MINUTES

Mrs. Nash moved and Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of 22 January 1985. The motion was carried unanimously.

DEVELOPMENT GUIDE

The Commissioners discussed the format, contents and implementation strategy for the draft DEVELOPMENT GUIDE.

There was general agreement that the draft reflects the major desires of the Commissioners with the following suggestions for change:

Emphasize the role of the canal as a part of everyone's daily life. 1.

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- 2. Differences between urban and rural areas need to be clear.
- The maintenance section is badly inadequate.
- 4. Use more pictures. Tell the story with text, with maps, and with pictures.
- Combine individually listed projects into larger categories.
- 6. The plan should be made available to the public.
- 7. Mr. Kirkland will meet with Assistant Commissioner Graham to discuss implementation strategy.

Mr. Jessen moved conceptual approval of the draft DEVELOPMENT GUIDE. Mr. Zaikov seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

ALLOCATION OF \$50,000 FOR HISTORIC STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE

Mr. Myers had requested that the Canal Commission give the State Park Service a list of priorities for the use of \$50,000 which is available.

Mr. Amon said that he believed the money should go first to any Nationally Registered Historic Structure which is in danger of further deterioration because of maintenance needs. He suggested the Linseed Oil Mill at Prallsville since a corner of its stone wall is collapsing and the first floor is in badly deteriorated condition. This is also the oldest building in the Canal Park.

Mr. Stern, who had prepared a list of projects he felt required attention, requested that the Commission realize that buildings whose use is vital but that may not be registered as historic have maintenance needs.

Mr. Jessen moved to assign first priority to the repair of the Linseed Oil Mill and that the balance of the \$50,000 be spent on projects selected by Mr. Amon and Mr. Stern. The motion was unanimously carried following Mr. Zaikov's second.

REVIEW ZONE PROJECTS

Mr. Amon presented the following A Zone projects to the Commission for their approval:

83-0191 Vincent Stamile, Jr. 84-0426-A Allen's Oil Company 85-0667 Short & Ford

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above projects. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Nash and carried unanimously.

Mr. Baill presented the following B Zone projects to the Commission for their approval:

83-0275 Fashion Plaza
84-0441-A DKM Realty Corp.
84-0471 Headquarter Park
84-0593 Wyckoff's Mill
85-0690 Linpro - Multi-Family Section 2

Mr. Holland then moved approval of the above projects. The motion carried unanimously following Mr. Jessen's second.

LEASES & PERMITS

Mr. Amon presented the following leases to the Commission for their approval:

Public Opinion Research Land - Access \$65.00 per year

P.S.E. & G. Wires over Canal \$100.00 per year (25 year lease)

Abbotts Canoe Rental Concession & Dock \$1,500.00 per year

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above leases. Mrs. Nash seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Mr. Amon stated that there was a permit request for Magnesium Elektron, Inc. in Hunterdon County. They have a permit from the DEP to discharge waste into the Wickecheoke Creek but must monitor it at the canal. To do this monitoring they want to erect a panel on Canal Park property with a pipe leading into the canal. Mr. Amon said that an inconspicuous location had been found and recommended approval.

There was considerable distress over the discharge of waste into a stream that enters the canal.

Mr. Jessen moved approval of the above permit with the understanding that we obtain a report of the permitted level of pollution and also a list of the types of salts being discharged. Following Mrs. Nash's second the motion carried unanimously.

GLEN AFTON FENCING

Mr. Zaikov moved to table this issue until the next meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and unanimously carried.

CANAL EDUCATION PROJECT

Mr. Jessen moved to allocate \$1,000 from the Commission's sesquicentennial budget toward the cost of mounting an exhibit at the Trenton City Museum. Mayor Holland seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

CANAL COMMISSION'S STAFF SALARY

Mr. Zaikov moved a salary change for the Administrative Assistant, Patricia A. Greenwald as follows: "Increase of salary of \$1,486.24 effective 24 December 1984 in order to provide a salary that is equivalent to what she would be earning if increments of 10/83 and 10/84 had been paid." The motion was seconded by Mr. Jessen and unanimously approved.

2:15 - Mrs. Nash and Mr. Zaikov left.

No longer a quorum.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Norton discussed the removal of the trees along the canal and the use of herbicides on the remaining stumps.

Mayor Holland suggested that when ever in the future that action is to be taken by any agency that would affect the D & R Canal Park, even though we are not required by law, that the Canal Commission hold public hearings.

CANAL PARK SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

See attached report submitted by Paul Stern, Superintendent, D & R Canal State Park.

Sincerely,

James C. Amon Executive Director